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LETTER DATED 10 MAY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters, the latest being our letter No. 95 of 9 May 1991, I have the honour to communicate to you new evidence of Iranian violations of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran, as follows:

1. At 0300 hours on 4 April 1991, an armed group of Iranians infiltrated into Iraqi territory in the central sector of Iraq and blew up an army camp at Qal'at Hasinah.

2. At 1530 hours on 8 May 1991, four Iranian soldiers were observed digging a shelter near boundary marker No. 50, directly on the international boundary line, in the central sector of Iraq.

3. On 9 May 1991 an Iranian helicopter was observed flying at medium altitude opposite the forward perimeter of the Iraqi units in the central sector. Its flight path was between the areas of Naft-e Shah and Khrosrowvi along the international boundary line.

4. On 9 May 1991, a group of an estimated 15 persons was observed building a position directly on the international boundary line on the slope of Mount Mimak in the central sector. At the same time, another group of persons was observed building a combat position close to boundary marker No. 93, directly on the international boundary line, in the same sector.

These fresh violations, which are to be added to the list of previous Iranian violations of the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran, once again confirm the persistence of the Iranian Government in its deliberate endeavour to encroach upon the sovereignty and security of Iraq.

The Government of my country repeats its assertion that the Iranian Government is liable for all the damage being caused by these violations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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"In the name of Almighty God"

Office of the Representative of the Faqih
and Imam of the Dezful congregation

The armed Iraqi elements striving in the way of God must attend to and act in accordance with the following points:

1. All armed Iraqi elements are required by law to obey the Command of those forces as represented by His Eminence Ayatollah Al-Hakim, and any failure to obey his orders is unlawful.

2. Armed action from within the borders of the Islamic Republic of Iran must take place within the framework of the armed Iraqi elements under His Eminence Ayatollah Al-Hakim. Any action outside that framework shall not be considered lawful and shall be regarded as a contravention of the laws of the Islamic Republic and of the decisions of the Islamic Leadership.

3. Those belonging to groups and parties using the territory and border areas of the Islamic Republic as a point of departure for armed action must enrol with the armed Iraqi elements and subject themselves to the general discipline of the Command of those forces as represented by His Eminence Ayatollah Al-Hakim (May God Almighty preserve him). Those belonging to various groups and parties shall be treated in the same manner as all other members of the armed Iraqi elements. They shall not be permitted to create a separate formation within or outside the armed forces. They shall rather operate as regular combatants subject to all the orders of the Command, all of the decisions that apply to other combatants shall apply to them, and they shall be held accountable for their contravention in the same way as all others.

4. Iraqis shall be recruited within the borders of the Islamic Republic only through the mobilization apparatus of the Supreme Council and within the terms of the arrangements made and decisions taken by the Armed Forces Command, and no group or party shall engage in recruitment within the Islamic Republic.

5. Ruhaniyun and Mobarezun (Militant Clergy), whether among the forces or in camps or settlement areas for displaced persons, shall not be permitted to proselytize on behalf of any party, but must only propagate the teachings of Islamic Law and Islamic revolutionary concepts and preach for the closing of ranks in the revolution against the idolatrous regime that weighs heavily on our Islamic people in Iraq.

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